

Moody Home- Corner Ave. M. & 23rd St.,
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

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Owner Catholic Parish of Galveston

Date of Erection 1859-60

Architect Unknown

Builder Thomas M. League

Present Condition Fair

Number of Stories Three

Other Existing Records Unknown

Materials of Construction Red brick- marble door sills.

Additional Data During the latter part of 1859 and first part of 1860 Thomas M. League built this house as his residence. At the time of construction it was on what was known as Hitchcock Bayou, a small bayou that ran across the island. At the close of the Civil war it became the property of Col. J. D. Waters, a large cotton planter from the Brazos River bottoms. The place then became the "Waters House" or Hotel, a fashionable boarding house where many prominent men of that time boarded when they came to Galveston during the summer. Several years later the place became the property of M. L. Moody who used it as his residence for a number of years. A few years ago the place was bought from the Moody estate by the Catholic Parishes of Galveston and it is used today as a Catholic High School.

An analysis of its style would be difficult. The influence of the unescapable Greek revival goes without saying but the flat roof with the wide overhanging, bracketed cornice is a southern answer to the call of the Victorian era. The two and three story galleries on the rear suggest the tropics and in other materials might be found in New Orleans or Charleston.

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